

century when relatives to Marie Ross made creamy chicken tarts and left them on the window sill to cool. A legendary treat was formed and soon the Chicken Pie Shop was formed. After 42 years, Grandmarie's Chicken Pie Shop still follows Marie's advice, make it "simply delicious." Simplicity is the key, large portions with all of the food groups represented at a reasonable price continues to attract thousands of Fresnoans. A visit of Grandmarie's is a must for those new to the Fresno area, nothing can compare to the fine foods prepared there daily.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Grandmarie's Chicken Pie Shop on the occasion of their 42nd Anniversary. Grandmarie's remains one of Fresno's finest traditions. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Grandmarie's and the Ross family, many years of continued success.

HONORING FREDDIE HAMILTON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Freddie Hamilton, for her tremendous contributions to the Brooklyn community and her exemplary community service.

As a native of New Orleans, LA, Freddie Hamilton has lived and worked in Central Brooklyn for almost 40 years. Over the years, Freddie has participated in numerous civic and political organizations and causes to improve the quality of life for children and families in her community.

Ms. Hamilton is the founding executive director of the Child Development Support Corporation, a child welfare agency in Bedford-Stuyvesant. The agency employs 150 people and provides a range of social services to over 3,000 children and families annually.

After losing a 17-year-old son, as a result of gun violence, Ms. Hamilton became a founding member of Parents United to Rally for Gun Violence Elimination (PURGE). The organization was created to address the issues of gun violence among African American youth. Ms. Hamilton was successful plaintiff in the first class action strict liability suit against gun manufacturers.

Since 1994, Freddie has served as the elected Democratic Committeewoman (District Leader) for the 57th Assembly District in Brooklyn.

During a recent trip to Ghana, Freddie was honored in a traditional "Enstoolment Ceremony" to designate her a Queen Mother. She was given the name Nana Yaa Serwaa II and she is now an official elder of the township of Pankese in Ghana, West Africa. She and her husband, Johnnie Ray, have six children and they are the proud grandparents of five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting Freddie Hamilton for her dedication to her family and her community.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO KEITH COMRIE

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 1999

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize the career of one of Los Angeles' leading public officials. After 35 years of public service, Mr. Keith Comrie is retiring as the City Administrative Officer for the City of Los Angeles. During his illustrious career, Mr. Comrie served both the City and the County of Los Angeles, making significant contributions to both governments.

Mr. Comrie grew up in South-Central Los Angeles and first entered public service with the City of Los Angeles in 1963, after earning a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. He moved to the County government in 1969 where he rose to become the Director of the Department of Public Social Services receiving statewide recognition from Governor Ronald Reagan for saving County taxpayers \$120 million per year and for making the welfare system one of the most responsive and efficient in the state.

In 1979, Mr. Comrie returned to the City of Los Angeles at the request of Mayor Tom Bradley to serve as the City Administrative Officer. He has served in that position for 19 years, including one year as interim Administrator of the \$200 million Community Redevelopment Agency. During Mr. Comrie's tenure of service, the City of Los Angeles has seen its economic base expand to keep pace with population increases that have made it not only the second largest city in the nation but a city of world class status.

Today, Mr. Comrie can look with pride at his role in successfully steering the City through the recession of the early 1990's with balanced budgets. During this time, he helped maintain the City's position as one of the best managed cities in the nation. Additionally, he played a key role in most of the major developments in the City, including such landmark projects as the renovated Central Library, the Los Angeles Convention Center, and the Staples Center Arena. He also played a central role in rebuilding the City after the 1994 Northridge Earthquake and oversaw over \$3 billion in capital improvement projects such as libraries, fire and police facilities, and sewer system reconstruction.

Many of these projects are in my Congressional District, which includes much of the central business district of the City of Los Angeles. Therefore, I can attest to the significance of these projects, many of which were started under Mr. Comrie's watch.

Mr. Comrie oversaw a staff of more than 100 and worked with over 30 council members during the terms of two mayors. Mr. Comrie's accomplishments on behalf of the City of Los Angeles have been recognized by his peers. Of his many prestigious awards, he is very proud of being named the "Best City Administrative Officer in America" by City and State Magazine.

At 59, Mr. Comrie and his wife Sandra McNutt-Comrie can look forward to many productive years in retirement during which he

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can pursue his interests in cars and auto racing while taking satisfaction in a job well done for the City of Los Angeles.

TRIBUTE TO AMANDA CHRISTINE DRESCHER OF GIRL SCOUT TROOP 395

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 1999

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute an outstanding young woman who has been honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award by the Cahaba Girl Scout Council in Birmingham, Alabama. She is Amanda Christine Drescher of Girl Scout Troop 563. She has been honored for earning the highest achievement award in U.S. Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. The award can be earned by a girl aged fourteen through seventeen, or in grades ninth through twelfth.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., an organization serving over 2.5 million girls, has awarded more than twenty thousand Girl Scout Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must earn four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, as well as design and implement a Girl Scout Gold Award project. A plan for fulfilling these requirements is created by the Senior Girl Scout and carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout Volunteer.

As a member of the Cahaba Girl Scout Council, Amanda Christine Drescher began working toward the Girl Scout Gold Award on February 12, 1998. She completed her project, Art Day Camp, and I believe she should receive the public recognition due her for this significant service to her community and her country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBEN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 1999

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday when the House was taking rollcall vote No. 39, an amendment by Representative GEORGE MILLER to the Education Flexibility Partnership Act, I was unavoidably detained and unfortunately missed the vote. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

72ND ANNIVERSARY BANQUET OF YESHIVAH OF FLATBUSH

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 1999

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to pay tribute to the